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# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

## 1. Name

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historic Woods, Alexander House

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and or common Woods-Crook-Tredaway House

## 2. Location

street & number 517 North Pelham Road

NA not for publication

city, town Jacksonville

NA vicinity of

congressional district 3

state Alabama code 01

county Calhoun

code 015

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	NA	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Floyd P. Tredaway

street & number P. O. Box 5

city, town Jacksonville

NA vicinity of

state Alabama 36265

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calhoun County Courthouse

street & number West 11th Street, P. O. Box 877

city, town Anniston

state Alabama

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Alabama Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1980-present  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Alabama Historical Commission

city, town Montgomery

state Alabama

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## 7. Description

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**Condition** excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Woods-Crook-Tredaway House is located at the southeast corner of North Pelham Road and East Washington Street, approximately 0.4 miles north of Jacksonville's public square. The house faces west and is set two hundred feet from the road. The Woods-Crook-Tredaway House is a two-story frame structure measuring fifty-five feet wide and twenty feet deep with an ell wing off the rear elevation measuring sixty-six feet long. The structure rests on a brick foundation, and it has two exterior end chimneys on the main portion and a central interior chimney in the wing. The structure is covered in clapboarding and is topped with an end gable roof.

The most outstanding feature of the Woods-Crook-Tredaway House is the stylistic mixture of Greek Revival and Italianate elements. The main elevation is dominated by a central pedimented full-length entry porch supported by four fluted Ionic columns with large volutes, and a large bracketed balcony over the doorway. The main and balcony entrances are double doors which are surrounded by narrow sidelights and a rectangular transom light above. The door and lights are surrounded by elaborate door surrounds. The transitional Italianate detailing is evident in the widely overhanging eaves supported by decorative brackets.

The interior of the Woods-Crook-Tredaway House has retained much of its original elements, such as six-inch tongue and groove heart-pine floors, molded wainscoting and seven federal style mantels. A green marble mantel imported from Italy when the house was built is still located in the north parlor.

1 contributing  
2 noncontributing  
3 total

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** c. 1853

**Builder/Architect** John Hubbard and Elbert Morris

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

#### INTEGRITY

The Woods-Crook-Tredaway House has retained its location, design, setting, material, workmanship, feeling and association. The main elevation has undergone only minor alterations in the late 20th century, such as a metal balustrade on the porch steps and the window sashes replaced to match the originals. The two-story porch on the north and east rear elevations were enclosed in the 1920s and 1930s, but some of the original square columns were retained. It was at this time that the one-story bedroom addition was added to the east elevation and the small two-story bathroom addition added on the north elevation.

Several of the original outbuildings, such as the milk house and carriage house, remain on the property but have undergone major alterations in the twentieth century.

#### CRITERION C - ARCHITECTURE

The Woods-Crook-Tredaway House is architecturally significant as a fine local example of a Greek Revival structure displaying transitional Italianate detailing. It is also one of the best mid-19th-century examples of domestic architecture remaining from Jacksonville's early period as the county seat.

The surviving handmade bricks found in the foundation and chimneys and the large hand-hewed timbers mortised and pegged in place exemplifies house construction techniques associated with the deep South during the mid-19th century. The house is attributed to Elbert Morris, a locally known contractor and owner of a sash and door factory in Alabama.

#### CRITERION B - POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

The Woods House is locally significant for its association with Alexander Woods and the period Jacksonville served as the Benton County seat (1833-1899). During this period many buildings were erected in Jacksonville that pertained to the county government as well as residences of the county's political and governmental leaders. Probate Judge Alexander Woods, the highest level county judge residing in Jacksonville during this period, erected his home in c. 1853 and lived there two of his six terms as probate judge (1853-1866). The Woods house is one of several extant residences in Jacksonville associated with the county's early political and governmental leaders, and the only surviving house associated with Judge Woods.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1.8 acres

Quadrangle name Jacksonville West

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

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B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

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F 

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H 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property nominated is a trapezoid lot of approximately 1.8 acres bounded on the west by North Pelham Road (State Highway 21) and on the north by East Washington Street. See attached map with boundary outlined.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state NA code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Steven M. Kay/Preservation Planner

organization Alabama Historical Commission date March 1987

street & number 725 Monroe Street telephone 205 261-3184

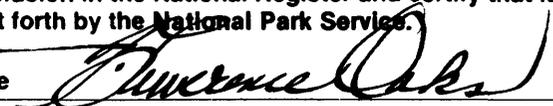
city or town Montgomery state Alabama

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

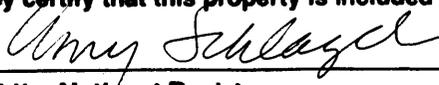
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title State Historic Preservation Officer date February 11, 1988

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register



date 3/15/88

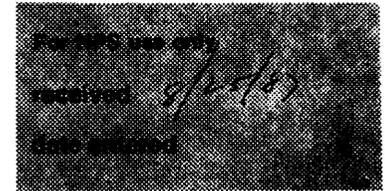
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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HISTORICAL SUMMARY

The property on which the Woods-Crook-Tredaway House is located was part of 640 acres assigned by Chiefs and Headmen of the Creek Tribe in Council to James Islands, William McGilvery, Benjamin Marshall and Oswitcheefixico following the signing of the Creek Indian Treaty on March 24, 1832. These parties obtained a patent on the land on November 18, 1836.<sup>1</sup>

There is a gap in the public records as a result of fires in the Calhoun County Courthouse in 1861 and 1865. It is known that during this gap, title of the property passed to Judge Thomas Walker, who in turn sold 12 acres of forest land to Judge Alexander A. Woods.<sup>2</sup>

Alexander A. Woods came to Calhoun County, then Benton County, in 1838 and taught school for one year in Alexandria. Woods was elected to the office of Assessor and Collector for Benton County and served from 1839<sup>3</sup> to 1844. He was then made Probate Judge and held that position from 1844 to 1880.

It was during his early years as Probate Judge that Woods purchased the 12-acre site to build his new home. The house was built c. 1853 and the contractors were John Hubbard of Weaver's Station and Elbert Morris of Morrisville. Mr. Morris was a well-known contractor who owned a sash and door factory in Morrisville.<sup>4</sup>

Judge Woods sold the house to Samuel W. Crook in 1866 for \$6,600.<sup>5</sup> Mr. Crook soon after sold the house to his nephew, Captain James Crook. The house remained in the Crook family for fifty-three years.

In 1919 the house on an eight-acre lot was purchased by Felix Tredaway for \$5,500.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Abstracts of title to the property - in possession of Floyd P. Tredaway.

<sup>2</sup> Letter by Jessie Wood Dunn (1940) (daughter of Alexander Woods), file Houston Cole Library- Jacksonville.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

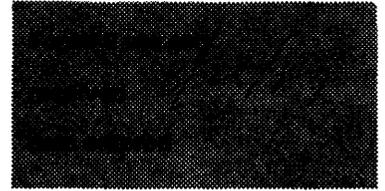
<sup>4</sup> Notes on conversation - Louise Douthit Tredaway with Elbert Morris (grandson of Elbert Morris).

<sup>5</sup> Title search Calhoun County Courthouse.

<sup>6</sup> Title search Calhoun County Courthouse.

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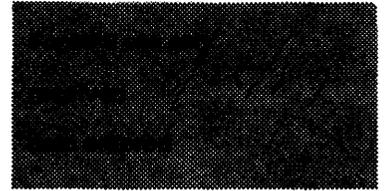
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Mr. Tredaway was a heading mill owner and lumber dealer in Jacksonville. The Woods-Crook-Tredaway House was passed to their son, Floyd P. Tredaway, a former mayor of Jacksonville. Mr. Tredaway is the current owner.

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The Jacksonville Story... an enduring heritage, published by First National Bank of Jacksonville, 1977.

Historic Jacksonville, published by Gen. John H. Forney Chapter of U.D.C., 1952.

Letters written by Jessie Woods Dunn (daughter of Alexander Woods), on file in the Houston Cole Library, Jacksonville State University.

Oral history of Louise Douthit Tredaway.

Abstraction of title of the property, owner's possession.

Jacksonville Republic, Alabama Room of the Calhoun Co. Library.

Woods-Crook-Tredaway House  
 First Floor Sketch

W



- 1 Wood Columns
- 2 Center end chimneys
- Additions to original house
- Green shaded area was originally open back porch that was enclosed in 1920's + 1930's.

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